of India etc. provide term loans for modernisation/expansion of existing mills. In addition, the National Cooperative Development Corporation provides loans for consolidation 'of spindleage created in co-operative sector *i.e.* modernisation on priority basis and expansion on selective basis of existing Cotton Growers and Handloom Weavers Cooperative Spinning Mills.

**Issuance of Licences for Setting up Industries in Telecom Sector**

1066. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has issued thirteen licences for companies all of whom have sought venture with foreign companies in telecom;

(b) if so, the names of the companies that were issued the licences;

(c) how many of them have foreign tie- ups; and

(d) by when they are likely to set up the industries?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS **(SHRI BENI** PRASAD VARMA): (a) to (c) 35 Licences and 7 Letters of Intent have been issued to Indian companies for provision of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service on franchise basis Letters of Intent have also been issued to seven Indian companies for ten Telecom Circles for providing Basic Telephone Service. All companies have foreign tie-ups. The names of the companies and their foreign partners are given in statement *(see* below).

(d) Cellular Mobile Telephone Service has already started in the four metro cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Madras. In respect of 18 telecom Circles the Cellular Mobile Service is likely to commence during 1996-97 & 1997-98.

**Statement**

*Licencees for Cellular Mobile Telephone Service*

Metro Cities

**A.**

| Metro City | Names of the Licencees | Name of the foreign Partner(s) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Bombay | (a) BPL Systems & Projects Ltd. | i) M/s France Telecom<br>ii) M/s LCC Inc. USA |
| | (b) Hutchison Max Telecom | Hutchison Telecom (India) Ltd., Mauritius. |
| 2. Calcutta | (a) Modi Telstra Pvt. Ltd. | M/s Telstra, AustraliaTelecom |
| | (b) Usha Martin Telecom Ltd. | Malaysia Bhd., Malaysia |
| 3* Delhi | (a) Bharti Cellular Ltd. | i) M/s General Mobile, UK<br>ii) M/s EMTEK Ltd., Mauritius<br>iii) M/s Mobile Systems International, UK |
| | (b) Sterling Cellur Ltd. | i) M/s Cellular Comm.<br>ii) International Inc., Mauritius<br>iii) Swiss PT, Switzerland<br>OCBs/NRIs |
| 4. Madras | (a) RPG Cellular Services Ltd. | i) Cellfone Ltd., Mauritius<br>ii) Airtouch International<br>iii) (Mauritius), Ltd., Mauritius<br>iv) Itochu Corp., Japan<br>Mitsubishi Corp., Japan |
| | (b) Skycell Communications Pvt. Ltd. | i) Bell South Int. (Asia/Pacific) Inc., USA<br>ii) Milicon Intl. Cellular, SA |

B. Territorial Telecom Circles

| Circle | | Name of the Licencee | | Name of the foreign Partner |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Assam | (a) | Reliance Telecom Ltd. | | Nynex International India Ltd., Mauritius |
| 2. Andhra Pradesh | (a) | J.T. Mobiles Ltd. | i) | Telia A.B. Sweden |
| | | | ii) | Telephone Organisation, Thailand |
| | | | iii) | Jasmine International PCL, Thailand |
| | (b) | Tata Communications Pvt.Ltd. | | Bell Canada International Inc., Canada |
| 3. Bihar | (a) | Reliance Telecom Ltd. | | Nynex International Ltd., Mauritius |
| | (b) | Koshika Telecom Ltd.* | | Phillipines Telephones Corp., |
| | | | (i) | Phillipines |
| | | | | NRI Consortium, USA |
| 4. Gujarat | (a) | Birla Communication Ltd. | (i) | AT&T Cellular Pvt. Ltd., Mauritius |
| | | | | Shinwatra International PCL, Thailand |
| | (b) | Fasel Ltd. | (ii) | Bezeq, Israel |
| 5. Haryana | (a) | Escotel Mobile Comm. Pvt. Ltd. | | First-Pacific Co. Ltd. Hongkong |
| | (b) | Aircel Digilink India Ltd. | (') | Swiss PTT, Switzerland |
| | | | (ii) | Nepostel Consultancy Netherlands BV. |
| 6. Himachal Pradesh | (a) | Bharti Telenet Ltd. | (i) | STET International SPA, Italy |
| | | | (ii) | STET Intenational SPA, Netherlands |
| | (b) | Reliance Telecom Ltd. | | Nynex International India Ltd., Mauritius |
| 7. Karnataka | (a) | Modicom Network Pvt.* Ltd. | | Dostacom Communication Ltd., |
| | | | (i) | Hongkong |
| | | | | Motorola Inc., USA |
| | (b) | J.T. Mobiles Ltd.* | (i) | TeliaA.B., Sweden |
| | | | (ii) | Telephone Organisation, Thailand |
| | | | (iii) | Jasmine International PCL, Thailand |
| 8. Kerala | (a) | Escotel Mobile Comm, Pvt. Ltd. | | First Pacific Co, Ltd., Hongkong |
| | (b) | US West BPL Cellular | | US West Cellular Investment Co., Mauritius |
| 9. Madhya Pradesh | (a) | Cellular Communications India Ltd. | | Airtouch Communications Inc., USA |
| | (b) | Reliance Telecom Ltd. | | Nynex International India Ltd., Mauritius |
| !0. Maharashtra | (a) | Birla Communications Ltd. | | AT&T Cellular Pvt. Ltd. Mauritius |
| | (b) | US West BPL Cellular | | US West Cellular Investment Co., Mauritius |
| 11. North East | (a) | Reliance Telecom Ltd. | | Nynex International India Ltd., Mauritius |
| | (b) | Hexacom India Ltd. | (i) | Mobile Telecom Co., Kuwait |
| | | | (ii) | PCM Partnership, USA |
| | | | (iii) | Ali & Founed MT, Kuwait |
| 12. Orissa | (a) | Koshika Telecom | | Phillipines Telephones Corp., |
| | | | (i) | Phillipines |
| | | | | NRI Consortium USA |
| | (b) | Reliance Telecom Ltd. | | Nynex International India Ltd., Mauritius |
| 13 Punjab | (a) | J.T. Mobile Ltd. | (i) | TeliaA.B., Sweden |
| | | | (ii) | Telephone Organisation Thailand |
| | | | (iii) | Jasmine International PCL, Thailand |
| | (b) | Modicom Network Pvt. Ltd.* | (i) | Distacom Communication Ltd., Hongkong |
| | | | (ii) | Motorola Inc., USA |

| Circle | Name of the Licencee | Name of the foreign Partner |
|---|---|---|
| 14 Rajasthan . | (a) Hexacom India Ltd.* | (i) Mobile Telecom Co., Kuwait<br>(ii) PCM Partnership, USA<br>(iii) Ali &Fouad MT, Kuwait |
| | (b) Aircel Digilink India* | (i) Swiss PTT, Switzerland<br>('i) Nepostel Consultancy Netherlands B.V. |
| 15 Tamil Nadu . | (a) US West BPL | US West Cellular Investment Co., Mauritius |
| | (b) Hinduja HCL S. Coram.* Pvt. Ltd. | (i) Singapore Telecom Ltd. Singapore<br>(ii) Singapore Telecom Intl. Pvt. Ltd., Singapore |
| 16 UP (West) | (a) Escotel Mobile Communication Ltd | First Pacific Co, Ltd., Hongkong |
| | (b) Koshika Telecom | (i) Phillipines Telephones Corp., Phillipines<br>(ii) NR1 Consortium USA |
| 17 UP (East) . | (a) Koshika Telecom | (i) Phillipines Telephones Corp., Phillipines<br>NRI Consortium, USA |
| | (b) Aircel Digilink India Ltd. | (i) Swiss, PTT Switzerland<br>(ii) Nepostel Consultancy Netherlands BV. |
| 18 West Bengal . | (a) Reliance Telecom Ltd. | M/s Nynex International Ltd., Mauritius |

Notes:—

(1) 'denotes that LOIs are yet to be converted into licences.

(2) No bids were received for A&N islands and J&K Telecom Circles

(3) There are total vacant slots: one each in Assam, West Bengal and two each in A&N Islands, J&K Circles.

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| Name of Circle | Bidder to whom LOI Issued | Name of foreign Collaborator | Name of Indian Promoters |
|---|---|---|---|
| Andhra Pradesh | Tata Teleservices | (a) M/s Bell Canada Intemationallnc: Canada (Subsidiary ofBCEInc) | (a) M/s Tata Industries Ltd.<br>(b) M/s Tata Iron & Steel Co., Ltd.<br>(c) M/s Tata Engineering & Locomotive Co. Ltd.<br>(d) Tata Chemicals Ltd. |
| Bihar | Techno Telecom | (a) M/s Moscow Local Telephone Network<br>(b) NRI Consortium | (a) M/s Usha India Ltd.<br>(b) M/s Gordon Herbert (India) Ltd,<br>(c) M/s Van-en Financial Service Ltd.<br>M/s Holding & General Co. India Pvt. Lid, |

| Name of Circle | Bidder to whom LOI Issued | Name of foreign Collaborator | Name of Indian Promoters |
|---|---|---|---|
| Delhi | HFCL Bezeq Telecom | (a) Bezeq Israel (Israel Telecom Corpn. Ltd. (b) Shinawatra International Public Co. Ltd., Thailand | (a) HFCL India (b) KJMC Finacial Services Ltd., India (c) Kotak Mahindra Finance Ltd. |
| Harayana | -do- | -do- | -do- |
| Orissa | -do- | -do- | -do- |
| UP (West) | -do- | -do- | -do- |
| Gujarat | Reliance Telecom | (a) Nynex International (India) Ltd., Maurit. | Reliance Industries Ltd. |
| Maharashtra | Hughes Ispat Ltd | M/s Hughes Electronic Corporation, US (a) Alltel Corporation USA | (a) M/s Nippon Denro Ispat Ltd. |
| Punjab | Essar Commvision | (a) M/s Bell Atlanti Offshore Mauritius Ltd. | (a) M/s Essar Investment Ltd. (b) M/s Essar Gujarat Ltd. |
| Tamilnadu | Basic Teleservices | M/s Nippon Telegraph Telephone Corporation, Japan (a) M/s Itochu Corpn, Japan | Seven Companies of RPG Enterprises |

**Ezhimala Naval Academy**

1067. SHRI THENNALA BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) by when is the Ezhimala Naval Academy expected to be completed;

(b) the reasons for delay 01 that project; and

(c) the cost increased in the project due to delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI NVN. SOMU): (a) By early 2003.

(b) and (c) After the approval of the project in March, 1995, there has been a marginal delay in commencement of the construction activities. This has been due to the time taken in tying up project monitoring infrastructure. Since the project is in planning stage, it will be unrealistic at present to work out the cost increase.

**Gosikhurd Irrigation Project**

1068. SHRIMATI BASANTISARMA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAM CHANDRAJICHKAR:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has decided to finance the Gosikhurd Irrigation Project in the Bhandara district of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the finance likely to be available from the World Bank;

(c) the amount being spent annually by the State Government during the last five years;

(d) the amount required for the completion of the whole dam; and

(e) by when the dam is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTAER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) During the last five years, the year-wise amount spent by the State Government on Gosikhurd Irrigation Project, Maharashtra is as under:

| Year | Amount (Rs . in crores) |
|---|---|
| 1991-92 | 6.28 |
| 1992-93 | 17.99 |
| 1993-94 | 30.72 |
| 1994-95 | 38.48 |
| 1995-96 | 49.79 |